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## NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDETF)

## FLORIDA WOMAN CONVICTED OF LAKES REGION METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING AND WEAPON CHARGES

Re: United States v. Victoria Massar

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, New Hampshire Attorney General Peter Heed, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick Booth announced that VICTORIA MASSAR, 37, of Hastings, Florida, was convicted in U.S. District Court of federal methamphetamine distribution and weapon charges.

MASSAR entered a guilty plea to an Information filed by the United States Attorney admitting that she had possessed with the intent to distribute over 50 grams of methamphetamine and unlawfully possessed a .357 magnum in Tilton, NH in June, 2003. MASSAR sold 87.3 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover DEA Task Force Agent on loan from the N.H. Attorney General's Drug Task Force.

**MASSAR** was detained without bail pending her July 19, 2003 sentencing hearing in U.S. District Court. She faces a potential sentence of 40 years imprisonment, as well as a 5-year minimum mandatory sentence.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF"), and the aggressive prosecution of crimes related to all forms of illegal drug trafficking, including methamphetamine trafficking. Although methamphetamine abuse is not as widespread in New Hampshire as the

abuse of other illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin, it is nonetheless a significant threat to the public health and well-being."

**MASSAR** is the sixth conviction so far arising from the OCDETF investigation of methamphetamine trafficking in the Lakes Region conducted by the DEA, the N.H. Drug Task Force, and the N.H. State Police. Others previously convicted and sentenced in the case were:

- Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club member James Michael Coyne (12 ½ years imprisonment);
- Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club member Carroll "Jay" Lane (10 years imprisonment);
- Phoenix-based methamphetamine supplier Todd Maggard (19 ½ years imprisonment); and
- Laconia tattooist and methamphetamine distributor Michael "Hollywood" Fralic (5 years imprisonment).

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDETF").

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